

Native plants for every situation

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* plants that are more widely adaptable to soils and exposure

! Plants that are easier to find in the trade



Natives for well-drained/sandy soils and sun

! Indian rice grass	<i>Achnatherum hymenoides</i>
! Blue star	<i>Amsonia jonesii</i>
Prickly poppy	<i>Argemone polyanthemos</i>
!* Fringed Sage	<i>Artemisia frigida</i>
! Butterflyweed	<i>Asclepias spp.</i>
Porter aster	<i>Aster porteri</i>
! Chocolate flower	<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>
Mariposa lily	<i>Calochortus gunnisonii</i>
! Sundrops	<i>Calylophus (Oenothera) lavandulifolia and serrulata</i>
Paintbrushes	<i>Castilleja spp.</i>
! Rabbit brush	<i>Chrysothamnus spp.</i>
! Rocky Mtn bee plant	<i>Cleome serrulata</i>
Desert sandwort	<i>Eremogone/Arenaria fendleri</i>
Cut leaf daisy	<i>Erigeron compositus</i>
! Sulfur flower	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>
Wallflower	<i>Erysimum capitatum</i>
! Apache plume	<i>Fallugia paradoxa</i>
Bush sunflower	<i>Helianthus pumilus</i>
Showy goldeneye	<i>Heliomeris multiflora</i>
Bush morning glory	<i>Ipomoea leptophylla</i>
! Scarlet gilia	<i>Ipomopsis aggregata</i>
! June grass	<i>Koehleria macrantha</i>
Winter fat	<i>Krascheninnikovia lanata</i>
Silver lupine	<i>Lupinus argenteus</i>
*Tansy aster	<i>Machaeranthera/Dieteria</i>
Fremont Mahonia	<i>Mahonia fremontii</i>
Plains chiming bells	<i>Mertensia lanceolata</i>
! Evening primroses	<i>Oenothera spp.</i>
! Locoweeds	<i>Oxytropis spp.</i>
! Penstemons	<i>Penstemon spp.</i>
*Silky phacelia	<i>Phacelia sericea</i>
Pasque flower	<i>Pulsatilla patens</i>
Wax currant	<i>Ribes cereum</i>
! Blue sage	<i>Salvia azurea</i>
*Scarlet globemallow	<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>
! Prince's plume	<i>Stanleya pinnata</i>
Navajo tea	<i>Thelesperma filifolium</i>
Native cactus	<i>Various</i>
!* Yucca	<i>Yucca glauca</i>
Prairie zinnia	<i>Zinnia grandiflora</i>

Natives for clay and sun

*Nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>
Lead plant	<i>Amorpha canescens</i>
! Big bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardi</i>

! Swamp milkweed	<i>Asclepias incarnata</i>
!* Showy milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>
!* Sideoats grama	<i>Bouteloua curtipendula</i>
! Buffalo grass	<i>Bouteloua dactyloides</i>
!* Blue grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>
!* Wine cups/Poppy mallow	<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>
* Purple and white prairie clover	<i>Dalea purpurea and D. candida</i>
!* Narrow-leaf Echinacea	<i>Echinacea angustifolia</i>
!* Maximilian's sunflower	<i>Helianthus maximilianii</i>
* Hairy golden aster	<i>Heterotheca villosa</i>
!* Spotted ayfeather	<i>Liatris punctata</i>
* Tansy Aster	<i>Machaeranthera canescens</i>
!* Showy four o'clock	<i>Mirabilis multiflora</i>
!* Bee Balm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
!* Stemless Evening Primrose	<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>
* Narrow-leaved Penstemon	<i>Penstemon angustifolius</i>
!* Large-flowered Penstemon	<i>Penstemon grandiflorus</i>
! Plains cottonwood	<i>Populus deltoides</i>
!* Wild plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>
!* Sand cherry	<i>Prunus pumila var. besseyi</i>
!* Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana (Padus virginiana)</i>
!* Coneflower	<i>Ratibida columnifera</i>
!* Golden currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>
!* Wild rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>
!* Black eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
!* Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
! Indian Grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>
* Scarlet globemallow	<i>Sphaeralcea coccinea</i>
! Prairie Dropseed	<i>Sporobolus heterolepsis</i>
!* Prairie verbena	<i>Verbena bipinnatifida / Glandularia bipinnatifida</i>

Natives suitable for amended soil (sun)

!* Pearly everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>
! Columbines	<i>Aquilegia spp.</i>
! Milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa, incarnata</i>
Arrowleaf balsamroot	<i>Balsamorhiza sagittata</i>
!* Harebells	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>
!* Aspen daisy	<i>Erigeron speciosa</i>
Orange sneezeweed	<i>Hymenoxys hoopesii</i>
Blue flag iris	<i>Iris missouriensis</i>
!* Blue flax	<i>Linum lewisii</i>
!* Bee balm	<i>Monarda fistulosa</i>
!* Penstemon	<i>Penstemon strictus and P. virgatus</i>
! Jacob's ladder	<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>
!* Golden Currant	<i>Ribes aureum and R. odoratum</i>
* Mule's ears	<i>Wyethia arizonica</i>

Natives for dry shade

* Nodding onion	<i>Allium cernuum</i>
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!* Pearly everlasting	<i>Anaphalis margaritacea</i>
!* Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria spp.</i>
! Columbine	<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i> and <i>A. chrysantha</i>
! Kinnickinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
Arnica	<i>Arnica spp.</i>
!* Harebells	<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>
Fendler's ceanothus	<i>Ceanothus fendleri</i>
! Dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
* Leafy cinquefoil	<i>Drymocallis fissa</i>
!* Aspen daisy	<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>
!* Arizona fescue	<i>Festuca arizonica</i>
!* Geranium	<i>Geranium caespitosum</i> and <i>viscosissimum</i>
!* Prairie smoke	<i>Geum triflorum</i>
Coral bells	<i>Heuchera parviflora</i>
!* Rock/Mountain spray	<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>
* Orange sneezeweed	<i>Hymenoxys hoopesii</i>
* Blue Flag Iris	<i>Iris missouriensis</i>
! Waxflower	<i>Jamesia americana</i>
!* Common juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>
!* Blue flax	<i>Linum lewisii</i>
! Creeping mahonia	<i>Mahonia repens</i>
!* Blue mist penstemon	<i>Penstemon virens</i>
* Pasque flower	<i>Pulsatilla patens</i>
!* Boulder raspberry	<i>Rubus (Oreobatus) deliciosus</i>
!* Black eyed Susan	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
!* Goldenrod	<i>Solidago spp.</i>
Snowberry	<i>Symphoricarpos albus</i>
Fendler's meadowrue	<i>Thalictrum fendleri</i>
!* Golden Banner	<i>Thermopsis divaricarpa</i>
Spiderwort	<i>Tradescantia occidentalis</i>
* Yellow violet	<i>Viola nutallii</i>

Natives for moist shade

! Columbine	<i>Aquilegia coerulea</i> , <i>A. elegantula</i> , <i>A. formosa</i>
Lady fern	<i>Athyrium filix-femina</i>
Male fern	<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>
* Strawberry	<i>Fragaria sp.</i>
Richardson's geranium	<i>Geranium richardsonii</i>
Twinberry	<i>Lonicera involucrata</i>
! Jacob's ladder	<i>Polemonium caeruleum</i>
Mountain ash	<i>Sorbus scopulina</i>

Natives for fragrance (most soils, sun to part shade)

Sand verbena	<i>Abronia fragrans</i> - sandy soil only
! Sages	<i>Artemisia spp.</i>
! Milkweed	<i>Asclepias speciosa</i> , <i>A. incarnata</i>
! Chocolate flower	<i>Berlandiera lyrata</i>
Purple prairie clover	<i>Dalea purpurea</i>
Bedstraw	<i>Galium septentrionale</i>
! Creeping mahonia	<i>Mahonia repens</i>
! White tufted evening primrose	<i>Oenothera caespitosa</i>
Pale evening primrose	<i>Oenothera pallida</i>
! Palmer's penstemon	<i>Penstemon palmeri</i>
! Ponderosa pine	<i>Pinus ponderosae</i>

! Chokecherry	<i>Prunus (Padus) virginiana</i>
! American plum	<i>Prunus americana</i>
Wafer ash	<i>Ptelea trifoliata</i>
Cliffrose	<i>Purshia stansburiana</i>
Golden currant	<i>Ribes odoratum</i>
! New Mexico locust	<i>Robinia neomexicana</i>
! Woods rose	<i>Rosa woodsii</i>

Natives suitable for groundcovers (dry, mostly sunny)

! Pussytoes	<i>Antennaria spp.</i>
! Kinnickinnick	<i>Arctostaphylos uva-ursi</i>
! Buffalo grass	<i>Bouteloua dactyloides</i>
Blue grama	<i>Bouteloua gracilis</i>
! Wine cups/poppy mallow	<i>Callirhoe involucrata</i>
Sundrops	<i>Calylophus lavandulifolius</i>
Whiplash fleabane	<i>Erigeron flagellaris</i>
! Sulfur flower	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>
Strawberries	<i>Fragaria spp.</i>
! Ground Juniper	<i>Juniperus communis</i>
Creeping evening primrose	<i>Oenothera pallida ssp. Runcinata</i>
! Mountain lover	<i>Pachystima myrsinites</i>
Mat penstemon	<i>Penstemon linarioides and P. caespitosus</i>
Phlox	<i>Phlox hoodii and P. longifolia</i>
Silver cinquefoil	<i>Potentilla hippiana</i>
Britton's skullcap	<i>Scutellaria brittonii</i>
! Plains verbena	<i>Verbena bipinnatifida</i>

Natives suitable for more formal garden

	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>
! Serviceberry	<i>Antennaria McClintock's variety</i>
Pussytoes	<i>Calylophus spp.</i>
Sundrops	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
! Red twig dogwood	<i>Erigeron speciosus</i>
! Aspen daisy	<i>Fritillaria pudica</i>
Fritillaria	<i>Juniperus scopulorum</i>
! Rocky mountain juniper	<i>P. strictus, P. virgatus, P. eatonii</i>
! Penstemon	<i>Pachystima myrsinites</i>
! Mountain lover	<i>Panicum virgatum</i>
! Switchgrass	<i>Picea pungens</i>
! Blue spruce	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>
! Shrubby cinquefoil cultivars	<i>Ribes aureum</i>
! Golden currant	<i>Rudbeckia hirta</i>
! Black eyed Susan	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
! Little bluestem	<i>Verbena bipinnatifida</i>
! Plains verbena	<i>Yucca spp.</i>
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Natives for fall color (most soils sun to p	
! Rocky Mtn maple	<i>Acer glabrum</i>
! Serviceberry	<i>Amelanchier alnifolia</i>
! Big Bluestem	<i>Andropogon gerardii</i>
Western hackberry	<i>Celtis reticulata</i>
Fireweed	<i>Chamerion angustifolium</i>
! Red twig dogwood	<i>Cornus sericea</i>
Leafy cinquefoil	<i>Drymocallis fissa</i>
! Sulfur flower	<i>Eriogonum umbellatum</i>
! Geranium	<i>Geranium viscosissimum and caespitosum</i>
! Mountain spray	<i>Holodiscus dumosus</i>
! Wax flower	<i>Jamesia americana</i>
Virginia creeper	<i>Parthenocissus vitacea</i>
! Ninebark	<i>Physocarpus monogynus</i>
! Aspen/Cottonwood	<i>Populus spp.</i>
! Chokecherry	<i>Prunus virginiana (Padus virginiana)</i>
! Gamble oak	<i>Quercus gambelii</i>
! Sumacs	<i>Rhus glabra and R. trilobata</i>
! Golden currant	<i>Ribes aureum</i>
! Willows	<i>Salix spp.</i>
! Little bluestem	<i>Schizachyrium scoparium</i>
Mountain ash	<i>Sorbus scopulina</i>
! Indian grass	<i>Sorghastrum nutans</i>